

II. PREREQUISITES FOR EMT-ENHANCED, EMT-INTERMEDIATE AND EMT-PARAMEDIC PROGRAMS, CRIMINAL HISTORY AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT (REFER THE STUDENTS TO THE STUDENT INFORMATION PACKAGE)

- A. Read aloud each section of the state prerequisites for EMT-Enhanced, EMT-Intermediate and EMT-Paramedic programs, criminal history and standards of conduct stopping between each item to explain the statement and asking if there are any questions about its meaning. **(This information is provided by the Office per 12VAC5-31-910 through 12VAC5-31-940 and 12 VAC 5-31-1450 of state EMS regulations.)**
- B. Read aloud each section of any additional local or regional prerequisites that are in addition to those described in part II A. **(Provide this information in the Student Information Package)**
- C. Explain any medical requirement (vaccinations, etc.) for entry into the program or for class completion. A copy of these requirements and other pertinent information should be included in the Student Information Package. **(Note: The physician course director may want to cover these.)**
Information should include:
 - 1. The specific requirements.
 - 2. Where to go and who to see about satisfying these requirements.
 - 3. When evidence of satisfying the requirements must be produced for the Course Coordinator.
- D. When this section is completed, read aloud the statement on the agreement page of the Student Information Package and have each student sign appropriately. (Provide each student two copies of the **Prerequisites for EMT-Enhanced, EMT-Intermediate and EMT-Paramedic Programs Criminal History And Standards Of Conduct** so they can sign and return one copy to you and keep one copy.)

VIRGINIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PREREQUISITES FOR EMT-ENHANCED, EMT-INTERMEDIATE AND EMT- PARAMEDIC PROGRAMS, CRIMINAL HISTORY AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

To be eligible to attend an EMT-Enhanced, EMT-Intermediate and EMT-Paramedic Course in Virginia (including bridge courses), you must:

- A. Be proficient in reading, writing and speaking the English language in order to clearly communicate with a patient, family or bystander to determine a chief complaint, nature of illness, mechanism of injury or to assess signs and symptoms.
- B. Be a minimum of 18 years of age at the beginning date of the certification program.
- C. Hold current Virginia certification as an EMT or higher EMS certification level.
- D. Hold, at a minimum, a high school or general equivalency diploma.
- E. Have no physical or mental impairment that would render him unable to perform all practical skills required for that level of training. Physical performance skills must include the ability of the student to function and communicate independently, to perform appropriate patient care, physical assessments and treatments without the need for an assistant.
- F. Not have been convicted or found guilty of any crime, offense or regulatory violation, or participated in any other prohibited conduct identified in state EMS regulations as follows:
 - 1. Have never been convicted or found guilty of any crime involving sexual misconduct where the lack of affirmative consent by the victim is an element of the crime, such as forcible rape.
 - 2. Have never been convicted of a felony involving the sexual or physical abuse of children, the elderly or the infirm, such as sexual misconduct with a child, making or distributing child pornography or using a child in a sexual display, incest involving a child, assault on an elderly or infirm person.
 - 3. Have never been convicted or found guilty of any crime (including abuse, neglect, theft from, or financial exploitation) of a person entrusted to his care or protection in which the victim is a patient or is a resident of a health care facility.
 - 4. Have never been convicted or found guilty of any crime involving the use, possession, or distribution of illegal drugs except that the person is eligible for affiliation or enrollment five years after the date of final release if no additional crimes of this type have been committed during that time.
 - 5. Have never been convicted or found guilty of any other act that is a felony except that the felon is eligible for affiliation or enrollment five years after the date of final release if no additional felonies have been committed during that time.
 - 6. Are not currently under any disciplinary or enforcement action from another state EMS office or other recognized state or national healthcare provider licensing or certifying body. Personnel subject to these disciplinary or enforcement actions may be eligible for certification provided there have been no further disciplinary or enforcement actions for five years prior to application for certification in Virginia.

7. Have never been subject to a permanent revocation of license or certification by another state EMS office or other recognized state or national healthcare provider licensing or certifying body.
- G. All references to criminal acts or convictions under this section refer to substantially similar laws or regulations of any other state or the United States. Convictions include prior adult convictions, juvenile convictions and adjudications of delinquency based on an offense that would have been, at the time of conviction, a felony conviction if committed by an adult within or outside Virginia.
 - H. Meet requirements for course enrollment as set by the regional EMS council or local EMS resource, the PCD or the course coordinator, approved by the Office of EMS.
 - I. If in an ALS bridge certification program between certification levels, have completed the eligibility requirements for certification at the prerequisite lower ALS level at the beginning date of the ALS bridge certification program. He shall also become certified at the lower ALS certification level before certification testing for the higher level of the ALS bridge certification program.
 - J. Be clean and neat in appearance.
 - K. May not be under the influence of any drugs or intoxicating substances that impairs your ability to provide patient care or operate a motor vehicle while in class or clinicals, while on duty or when responding or assisting in the care of a patient.